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Construction of Compton Creek Walking Path – Phase II

In 2012, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) completed the Compton Creek Walking Path (Walking Path) - Phase I, which is a 0.6 mile trail that connects George Washington Carver Park to Compton Creek. In coordination with DPR, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) is now in the process of developing Phase II of the Walking Path, which will extend the trail from 120th Street in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook, half a mile south to El Segundo Boulevard in the City of Compton.

Similar to Phase I, Phase II will improve the visual character of the neighborhood and provide areas of shade along Compton Creek by adding large climate-appropriate trees and other vegetation. Phase II will also include the replacement of entry gates and fencing, refurbishment of the path with decomposed granite and various other features to improve the quality of the water entering Compton Creek, including a riprap swale to capture debris and treat water run-off (collectively, “project”).

DPR has worked with two private property owners (collectively, “private owners”) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) who own property along the Phase II alignment. In order to facilitate a seamless trail, DPR proposes acquiring easements for recreational purposes from the private owners and entering into a Use Agreement for public recreation purposes with the LACFCD.

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As part of the project, a small, metal “A” frame structure owned by one of the private owners must be removed for safety purposes. The private owner has agreed to perform the work with reimbursement from the County of Los Angeles (County). There are sufficient Second District Capital Project Funds allocated in the Chief Executive Office-Real Estate Division’s budget to pay the private owner for this work, as well as any additional costs associated with acquiring a recreational easement from the other private property owner.

A Job Order Contract will be utilized to replace and upgrade the existing chain link fence along the channel wall and the right of way boundaries of Compton Creek. Given that fencing is consistent with LACFCD’s current specifications and will improve safety along the Compton Creek, LACFCD will reimburse the County \$400,000 for the cost of the new fencing utilizing funds from the LACFCD.

The costs for the remaining elements of the project total \$1.7 million. LACC plans to construct the project using various funding sources including a \$300,000 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, a \$300,000 grant from the California Coastal Commission, and a \$800,000 grant from the California Strategic Growth Council. Proposition A Funds available to the Second District in the amount of \$300,000 are also proposed in order to fully fund the costs of construction.

The Project is within the scope of the categorical exemptions from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) set forth in Sections 15301(b) and (c), 15303(e), 15304(a) and (b), and 15311(a) of State CEQA Guidelines; and Class 1(e), (m), (n), and (x) Subsection 13, 14, 17, 18; Class 3(b) and (h); Class 4(a) and (c); and Class 11(d) of the County's Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the

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California Environmental Quality Act;

2. Approve the proposed Compton Creek Walking Path Fence Project, Capital Project No. 87302, with a total project budget of \$400,000, along with the attached corresponding appropriation adjustment;
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to deliver the Compton Creek Fence Project using a board-approved Job Order Contract;
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), or his designee, to sign the attached Reimbursement Agreement for the removal of the small, metal "A" frame structure on Phase II of the Compton Creek Walking Path, a 25-year Use Agreement with LACFCD in the form substantially the same as attached hereto for public recreational purposes in connection with the Project along portions of Compton Creek Parcels 16, 17, 18, 174, and 175, as well as any other agreements (in form approved by County Counsel) that are necessary to deliver the Project;
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Real Estate within the Chief Executive Office, or his designee, to accept any easements necessary for the completion of the Project on behalf of the Interim Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 2.08.168;

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (LACFCD):

1. Find that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Approve reimbursement of \$400,000 from LACFCD to the County for the cost of the new fencing along Compton Creek;

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3. Find that a 25-year Use Agreement between the LACFCD and the County, in a form substantially similar to the attached, for public recreational purposes in connection with the Project, along portions of Compton Creek Parcels 16, 17, 18, 174 and 175, will not interfere or be inconsistent with the primary use and purposes of those parcels by the LACFCD; and
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD, or her designee, to sign the Use Agreement.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT:

1. Find that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Allocate \$300,000 in Second District Proposition A City Excess Funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Compton Creek Walking Path – Phase II Project; and
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, acting as the Director of the Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps when applicable conditions have been met.

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